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Cripps' Demand For Pledge To Fight Axis?

FIVE-POINT STATEMENT TO INDIAN LEADERS

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TO BE CONVENED

Completely Indianised Council During War

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI, March 23.

Sir Stafford Cripps who arrived in New Delhi only one hour ago has plunged into work straightway.

As a welcome start to his important mission, he has agreed to meet Press representatives this evening when he will have informal talk but will not disclose proposals which he has brought.

Five-Point Statement

According to Lobby forecasts, Sir Stafford Cripps has a five-point statement to make:

Firstly, he will ask for pledge on behalf of the Indian people that the parties concerned will wholeheartedly carry on the struggle until the Axis Powers are finally overthrown.

Secondly, he will agree to give India, a constitutional status carrying the same measure of political freedom and equality as the United Kingdom or any other partner in the Anti-Axis front. It is understood, the words "Dominion Status" will not be used.

Constituent Assembly

Thirdly, he will agree to set up a Constituent Assembly after the war, elected by newly elected provincial legislatures which, in addition to parties like the Congress will provide for communal groups for those elected by separate electorates.

The procedure for Constituent Assembly will not be majority decisions but what are called "agreed points" for future constitution.

Time Limit

The Time limit—say not more than two years—will be given for the proposed Constituent Assembly to draft the constitution which British Parliament will, in the normal course, ratify as in the case of South Africa but if the Assembly fails to produce a constitution, the British Government will frame their own constitution on the basis of Free India.

Fourthly, for the war period there will be completely Indianized Council whose advice will be normally accepted by the Viceroy. For securing "Dominion Status in action" control by Secretary of of State will be reduced to the minimum by transferring the India Office to the Dominions Secretary.

Composition Of Council

The suggested composition of the Council will be 15 members of whom five will be Congress, five will be Muslim League and five for other parties, minorities.

Fifthly, their will be a superimposed small War Cabinet for the direction and control of policy which will have representatives from the Princes also. These are the broad lines of the scheme which Sir Stafford Cripps is expected to put before the leaders.

understand that my time is short and will forgive me if I am unable to see them before I leave.

OPEN MIND

My association in the past has been more close with my friends in the Congress than with the members of other parties or communities, but I am fully impressed with the need in any scheme for the future of India to meet the deep anxieties which undoubtedly exist among the Muslims and the other communities. I shall, therefore, embark upon my task with a mind equally open to all points of view—Hindu, Muslim, Sikh and others.

I believe that the proposals of the War Cabinet will appeal to the Indian leaders since they are the unanimous result of the deliberations of a body of people who were known in the past to have widely differing outlooks upon the Indian question.

HIS PROGRAMME

I shall be spending the first two days with the Viceroy, who has cordially welcomed me and shall then have the opportunity of meeting the Commander-in-Chief and other members of the Executive Council and the Provincial Governors. The Indian National Congress, the Muslim League, the Chamber of Princes and the Hindu Mahasabha have been asked to nominate their own representatives to hold discussions with me and representatives of the Sikhs, the Liberal Party, and the scheduled castes have also been invited to meet me. I shall, of course, see other representative people, including Provincial Premiers.

WORD TO PRESS

I am confident that both the Indian press and the press in other interested countries will give their help in the great cause of Indian self-Government and defence and will not, by untimely speculation or by the spreading of uninformed and ill-considered rumours, prejudice the chance of a successful settlement of the outstanding issues."

Before the conference dispersed Sir Stafford Cripps said that he would meet the press representatives again on Thursday morning.

WILL MEET MAHATMA.

Crisply and pointedly Sir Stafford Cripps met a barrage of questions. He said that all the Premiers of the Provinces, past as well as present, would be invited to see him.

It was explained to him that Mahatma Gandhi was not a member of the Congress and, therefore, it was possible that he might not be included in the Congress representatives invited to meet him. Sir Stafford said he would certainly see him in any case and added: "I should always very much like to see him."

After his talks with the Viceroy, the Commander-in-Chief and other members of the Executive Council, Sir Stafford proposed to begin by seeing representatives of the Congress and the Muslim League. Of course, if representatives of the principal organisations wanted to see him again, they would be free to do so. His idea was to see the parties separately.

UNALTERABLE DECISION.

"I don't think we should talk about any Round Table Conference," he observed.

"No real, major, fundamental changes can be made in the War Cabinet's conclusions," he made it clear. Small adjustments which the discussions revealed to be necessary would no doubt be made.

Emphasising the support behind the proposals he said: "There could be no adverse vote in the British Parliament on these conclusions."

There was no question of strategy or any idea of merely meeting the emergency. "The proposals are the natural and logical outcome of what has gone before in the relations between the two countries. I hope they will be accepted." he observed.

IF PARTIES DISAGREED?

What would happen if one or two parties did not agree, asked a questioner.

Sir Stafford said it would depend on whether the parties concerned were major ones or minor ones. If they were major ones, then no doubt, further discussions would be necessary. "I should be too hopeful," he said, "if I expected a hundred per cent acceptance."

Explaining what the word "final" in the Premier's statement meant, Sir Stafford said: "It means that the War Cabinet have given their best thought and have arrived at a scheme which they don't know any way of bettering."

EXTREMES MEET

"In view of the sharp differences between you and Mr. Churchill, in recent years on the Indian question", put in a questioner, "can we take it that both of you are now agreed on it?"

Sir Stafford: "We are absolutely agreed."

Question: "Which of you has changed?" (Laughter).

Sir Stafford: "Perhaps we have both arrived at the same point without changing and by different routes." (More laughter).

Mr. Amery was in agreement with the War Cabinet with regard to the proposals, he stated.

"Why has he not accompanied you to India", asked a questioner.

Sir Stafford: "We have not got unlimited manpower in England." (Laughter).

NO DIFFICULTY FROM OFFICIALDOM

What did he think would be the attitude of officialdom in India, was another question.

"I don't anticipate there would be any difficulty of any sort or kind from that quarter", he replied.

Why were the Governors of Provinces invited to meet him?

Sir Stafford explained it was firstly a matter of courtesy and secondly, Governors had a great deal of experience of which we should take advantage.

Sir Stafford agreed to the suggestion that he should meet the Press every other day.—A. P.

CRIPPS WILL SEE MAHATMA

'Appeal To Press Not To Spread Ill-Considered Rumours And Prejudice Chances Of Settlement

NEW DELHI, Mar. 23.

"I have come here because I am, as I have always been a great friend and admirer of India and because I want to play my part as a Member of the War Cabinet in reaching a final settlement of the political difficulties which have long vexed our relationships", observed Sir Stafford Cripps at a press conference this evening.

CRIPPS' HOPES OF SUCCESS

He said: "I have come to India to discuss with the leaders of Indian opinion conclusions which the War Cabinet have unitedly reached in regard to India. I am here to ascertain whether these conclusions will, as we hope, be generally acceptable to Indian opinion. Obviously it would not be appropriate for me to say anything further about the precise nature of the proposals at this stage beyond the indications which were given by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons. Their chief object is to set out finally and with precision the practical steps which His Majesty's Government propose as the method of fulfilling their past promises of self-Government to the Indian peoples.

PLAN FOR TO-DAY

We believe that a generally acceptable line of practical action can be laid down now, and that thus the main obstacle to India's full co-operation in her own defence will have been removed.

We feel confident that with the political atmosphere thus clarified, the leading political organisations will be enabled to put forward their maximum effort in preserving their country from the brutalities of aggression.

How best their effective participation in the counsels of their country can be immediately arranged will be another matter for discussion.

I have come here because I am, as I have always been, a great friend and admirer of India and because I want to play my part as a member of the War Cabinet in reaching a final settlement of the political difficulties which have long vexed our relationships.

Once these questions are resolved, and I hope they may be quickly and satisfactorily resolved, the Indian peoples will be enabled to associate themselves fully and freely not only with Great Britain and the other Dominions, but with our great Allies, Russia, China, and the United States of America so that together we can assert our determination to preserve the liberty of the peoples of the world.

NO TIME TO LOSE

There is no time to lose and no time for long discussions. I am sure that in the circumstances of to-day the leaders of the main parties and interests in India will be ready to take quick decisions.

My intention is to stay at Delhi for two weeks, for there are many urgent and important matters to be attended to in England, and I believe that within that time, with energy and goodwill, the essentials of success can be achieved.

During so short a visit I shall, of course, not be able to travel about in the country and see everyone I should like to meet. I hope that my friends in India will

Air Battles In Central Burma

TURKEY WATCHES

Bulgaro-German Plans Against Soviet

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 23.

It is not coincidence that Von Papen, the German Ambassador in Ankara, stopped at Sofia on his way to Berlin before King Boris himself left for the German Capital, says the Berlin Correspondent of the 'Social Demokraten.'

"Political circles in Berlin," according to the correspondent, "express the view that Bulgaria is now of the opinion that she can no longer remain outside the fight against Bolshevism. The meeting of German and Bulgarian leaders was expected to occur before Bulgaria took a decisive step. This development is naturally attracting the greatest attention in Turkey and the next few days will reveal how the relations between Turkey and Bulgaria are to develop."—Reuter.

Jap Attack On Port Moresby & Windham

NINE ENEMY PLANES BROUGHT DOWN BY U. S. BOMBERS IN RAID ON NEW GUINEA AERODROME

WASHINGTON, March 23

The United States heavy bombers have destroyed at least nine Japanese planes on the aerodrome at Lae in New Guinea, it is officially announced.

A Canberra 'communique' says that Port Moresby was again raided this afternoon and that one Japanese fighter and possibly a second were brought down by anti-aircraft fire. The aerodrome at Port Moresby was bombed and machine-gunned but there was little damage and no casualties to R. A. F. personnel.—Reuter.

Wyndham Raided

CANBERRA:—It is officially announced that Japanese bombers raided Wyndham for ten minutes this morning. The results are not yet fully known.

A "communique" issued by Mr. Curtin reports that Allied aircraft raided Dilli in Timor.

R. A. F. For Cuban Air Patrols

HAVANA:—Two squadrons of R.A.F. Swordfish have just arrived to join United States Cuban air patrols for enemy U-boats in the Carribean.

The planes flew over Havana dipping in salute to cheering crowds.

Forcible Evacuation Of Japs

SAN FRANCISCO:—The army authorities have ordered the forcible evacuation of all Japanese from Bainbridge island in Puget Sound, effective from March 30. This is the first compulsory exclusive action taken by the army against west coast Japanese. 300 Japanese are affected.

On Philippine Front

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.

The War Department "communique" says "Philippine Theatre"; American and Filipino troops fighting under the command of General Wainwright have sent a message to General MacArthur congratulating him on his safe arrival in Australia and on his assumption of supreme command of the South Pacific. They also pledged continued loyalty and devotion.—Reuter.

Azad-Sikandar Meeting

LAHORE, Mar. 23.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, again met Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab, at his residence this afternoon and had tea with him.

Others present were Khan Bahadur Allah Baksh, Premier of Sind, Mr. Asaf Ali, Dr. Khan Sahib, ex-Premier of N.W.F.P., Mr. Shamsuddin Ahmad, Minister of Public Works, Bengal, Dr. Shaukat Ullah Ansari and Prof. Humayun Kabir. The Punjab Ministers were also present.

It is understood that Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan will resume his talks with the Congress President later in the week at Delhi.—A. P.

STOP PRESS

Three Governors Arrive In Delhi

NEW DELHI, March 23.

The Governors of Bombay, Bengal and Madras have arrived in Delhi to-day.—A.P.

2,500 EVACUEES ARRIVE IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, March 23.

About 2,500 Indian evacuees from Burma arrived here to-day from Chittagong by three trains including two specials.—A.P.

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RIOM TRIAL & NAZI ANXIETY

LONDON, March 23.

Germany who hoped to secure the verdict at the Riom trial of saddling France with the responsibility for the war is finding the proceedings getting out of hand and it is rumoured that the German Ambassador is trying to get the trial stopped or at least heard 'in camera', learns Reuter's diplomatic correspondent. But M. Blum, M. Daladier and other accused have been too clever for their accusers and have converted the charges levelled against them into an indictment of the General Staff and the military authorities.

Vichy orders to the press of France which have been received here clearly show that one concern of Vichy is to whitewash Marshal Petain and to pillory M. Blum, M. Daladier and others as solely responsible for France's unpreparedness.—Reuter.

Finnish Troops Routed

LONDON, March 23.

Two detachments of picked Finnish troops who twice attempted to penetrate the Soviet lines on the Karelian Front were routed, according to the front line correspondent of the "Red Star" quoted by the Moscow radio.

Practically a whole finnish detachment was annihilated in the first attempt when Finnish skiers were allowed to advance along an icebound lake and into the forest only to find their retreat cut off.

A simultaneous attempt by about 100 Finns to penetrate the Soviet rear in this sector failed and the Finns were caught in a pincer movement by a Russian unit.

The "Red Star" says that both the groups of "wreckers" had been especially trained, some 78 were killed and prisoners taken.—Reuter.

RAID ON MINGALADON AERODROME.

NEW DELHI, Mar. 23.

A Burma Army headquarters "communique" says:

"On March 21, R.A.F. bombers escorted by fighters made successful raid on Mingaladon aerodrome. Ten Japanese aircraft were destroyed. Our bombers were attacked by enemy fighters. They returned the fire and shot down one navy "O" in flames and an Army "97", disintegrated in the air. Two additional planes were also probably destroyed by them.

Our fighters engaged the enemy fighters and brought down five Army "97". They then machine-gunned the aerodrome destroying one Japanese bomber and two fighters on the ground. Several more were damaged. One of our fighters crashed but the pilot was saved."—A. P.

R.A.F. Attack On Mingaladon

2 ENEMY FIGHTERS DESTROYED

Chinese Cavalry's Successful Brush With Enemy On Toungoo Front

MANDALAY, March 23.

A Burma 'communique' on Monday states: Further serious raids took place yesterday on an aerodrome in Central Burma causing damage to R. A. F. property. In our attack on Mingaladon on the morning of March 22 we destroyed two enemy fighters for certain and three probables. Ground results are not yet to hand.

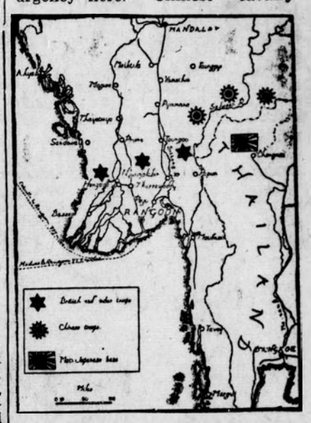
The Irrawaddy front remains quiet. Motor patrol encountered a Japanese officer with some men in a private car at Ledpadan and accounted for them. Eight sepoys captured by the Japanese in Malaya and brought over from Bangkok have escaped and are now being examined."

There was light artillery fire yesterday against the Chinese south of Toungoo, says a report from the Chinese front in Burma. Apparently some field guns of medium calibre and trench mortars were used. The Chinese suffered no casualties.

On Toungoo Front

FIERCE FIGHTING AT PYU

MAYMYO: The Associated Press special correspondent with the Chinese forces on the Toungoo front writes: There is an atmosphere of tense urgency here. Chinese cavalry



has already had its first successful brush with the enemy. There has been fierce fighting at Pyu, 35 miles south of Toungoo, which has already changed hands several times.

"Battle For Burma & India Will Be Fought In Air"

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, March 23.

The "Daily Sketch" publishes an interview by Mlle Eve Curie with Gen. Wavell who said: "The Battle for Burma and India will be fought in the air with the co-operation between the American Air Force, the R. A. F. and the Indian Army. In the Indian Army there are many tanks and trucks and many more are expected from America.

"Burma Offering Stout Resistance"

PESHAWAR, March 23.

Mr. Bashir Ahmed, a businessman in Burma, has arrived here from Burma under the Government of Burma voluntary evacuation scheme.

Interviewed by the Associated Press he said: "Had it not been for my family members, I should not have left Burma at all. As a matter of fact I intend returning very soon."

"Burma as a whole is offering stout resistance", he continued. "Normal life in parts of Burma continues as before. There was bound to be some confusion and fear at our initial setbacks, but I must say that the people of Burma are bearing their lot in a manly and courageous manner.—A. P.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Bombay, 23rd March, 1942.

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THE COMMERCE GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION

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NOTICE.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company for the purpose of the winding up will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 1st April to FRIDAY, the 17th April, 1942, both days inclusive.

Dated this Twenty-third day of March, 1942.

By Order of the Board,
KILLICK, NIXON & CO.,
Agents.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of April 1942 to Tuesday the 14th day of April, 1942, both days inclusive.

Dividend will be paid on and after Wednesday the 15th day of April, 1942, between 12 Noon and 3 P.M. (S.T.).

By order of the Board,
PURSHOTAM GOVINDJEE & CO.,
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Bombay, 23rd March, 1942.

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NOTICE

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Dated this 19th day of March, 1942.

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NOTICE TO BOMBAY REGIONAL MOTOR OWNERS

OWNERS of Motor Vehicles residing in the Bombay Region are informed that the fourth and the last quarter of the financial year 1941-42 of the Motor Vehicles Tax ends on 31-3-42. All owners, who have paid the tax upto 31-3-42 should, therefore, pay or remit now to the M. V. & Taxation Department, Head Police Office, Bombay, further tax for one or more quarters of the year 1942-43, so that it may be credited on or before 15-4-42.

Cheques should only be drawn in favour of the Dy. Commissioner of Police, M. V. & Taxation, Bombay, or the Executive Officer, Regional Transport Authority, Bombay. Where tax is paid by cheque, the tax tokens and registration certificates will only be issued after the cheques are encashed by the Bank. Any delay in payment of tax due to any irregularity or otherwise will render the owner or the person in possession of the vehicle liable to a penalty. Third-party cheques will not be accepted.

Owners of transport vehicles such as Taxis, Trucks, Buses, etc. are informed that fitness certificates should be produced at the time of payment of tax and that tax will only be accepted if the certificates are valid at the time of payment of tax.

Motor owners are further informed that under Rule 26 of the Bombay Motor Vehicles Tax Rules 1940 nonuse intimations should be sent so as to reach this office on or before the date of expiry of the period for which tax has been paid.

(Sd.) E. SHEEHY,
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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Shet GOPIRAM HARMUKHRAI, of Vile-Parle, has agreed with my client for the absolute sale to him, free from all incumbrances whatsoever, of the Western part, admeasuring 1100 square yards or thereabouts, of Final Plot Number 66 of Town Planning Scheme Number VI of Vile-Parle. The said piece of land is bounded on the North by Plot Number 67, on the South by Plot Number 65, on the East by the remaining part of Plot Number 66 belonging to the Vendor, and on the West by the Vallabhbhai Road.

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Dated 23rd March 1942.

GAJANAN SADASHIV PATIL,
B.A. LL.B.,
Advocate, High Court.

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Public Notices

NOTICE TO JURYMEN.

GENTLEMEN of the Common Jury, summoned for the current Criminal Sessions are required to attend at the High Court on Tuesday the 24th March, 1942, at 2-45 P.M. (S.T.).

M. R. A. BAIG,
Sheriff of Bombay

Bombay, 23rd March, 1942.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that (1) DWARKADAS GORDHANDAS, (2) GOKULDAS VASANJI, (3) RAMDAS VITHALDAS, (4) MANJI VITHALDAS EABJI and (5) DWARKADAS VELJI, the Trustees of the Zaverbai Purshottam Nathu Trust Estate have contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property.

All persons having any claim interest or demand, whatsoever against in or upon the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, share, possession, lease incumbrances, lien, charge, maintenance, easement coparcenery rights, or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to give notice thereof in writing to the undersigned at their office at 65, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof failing which the said sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim interest or demand howsoever and the same, if any, will be treated and considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of Government or Khoti land or ground situate at Ghatkopar being Final Plot No. 83 of the Town Planning Scheme No. 2 of Ghatkopar bearing Survey No. 185 (part) Pot Nos. 2, 6, and 7 Falni No. ....., admeasuring 1215 Square Yards or thereabouts in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the East by the Public Road known as ninth Road, on or towards the North by the final Plot No. 84, on or towards the West by the public Road known as Recreation Road and on or towards the South by the Public Road known as 10th Road.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 1942.

MOHILE PAREKH &
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GENERAL MOTOR STRIKE CONTINUES

BOMBAY, Monday.

In spite of the call of the management of the General Motors put through the local newspapers enjoying upon the strikers to resume work today the strike continues.

None of the strikers it is learnt turned up on duty as not a single of the demands made by them has been so far conceded by the authorities.

Yesterday the strikers held a meeting at Poibawadi and speeches made on the occasion by spokesmen declared that the strikers would only go back to work if their demand for a 'belly-full" were granted. "What is the earthly good of asking us to come back and work at a back breaking rate so that the company may fatten at our cost while we live in famished conditions? said the men and decided that they should not budge an inch.

It was, therefore, futile to tell the workers, they said, that they should come back on starvation wages.

RAID ON KISAN OFFICE

CALCUTTA, March 22.

The office of the Bengal Provincial Kisan Sabha in Bow Bazar Street was raided this evening by the special branch of the Calcutta Police. No arrests were, however, made.—A. P.

Defence Activities In South Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, March 23.

The past week nas been characterised by sudden activity in the form of provisions for national defence in contrast to apparent inaction of the past weeks.

New detachments and high officials have been sent to formerly ungarrisoned and poorly populated regions in South Argentina, to the Patagonia coast where there are 2,000 petrol wells, to Tierra Del Fuego on the Magallenes Canal and also to the entire Andes Cordillera frontier. —Reuter.

RICE MILL GUTTED NEAR AHMEDABAD

AHMEDABAD, March 23.

A fire is reported to have broken out in a rice mill at Barejdi, about 12 miles from Ahmedabad.

It is stated that the fire raged for the whole night and gutted the mill which contained many bags of rice and other cereals. The damage is estimated at about a lakh of rupees.—A. P.

VINOBA BHAVE WELCOMED AT DHULIA

Talks on Wardha Scheme To Large Audience

(From Our Correspondent.)

DHULIA, March 22.

Mr Vinoba Bhave was received by some prominent people at Dhulia and was taken to the bungalow of Mr. Sonuseth the proprietor of the Swadeshi cloth stores where many citizens interviewed him and some like Mr. Sridharshastri Pathak discussed with him on some private matters.

Mr. Vinoba Bhave arrived in the Municipal Hall at 10-15 a.m.

Mrs Sushilabai Ranade the Municipal President delivered an introductory speech and then the Municipal Address was read.

Principals, Head masters, Schools masters and school mistresses, Administrative Officer and students of all high schools and the Vernacular schools, training college, Agricultural college and Technical Institute, and many Congress Workers from Dhulia were present in large numbers at the meeting held in the afternoon.

Mr. Vinoba Bhave spoke on the Vardha scheme for an hour or so and then he replied to the queries raised by the audience.

At 5 p.m. Mr. Vinoba Bhave discussed with the members of the Managing Committee of the Panjrapol and the Goshala and the leading local merchants.

After discussion the Management of the Panjrapol had decided to work on the basis of the All-India Goseva Sangha.

At 6 p.m. Mr. Vinoba Bhave delivered a "Pravachan" for 1-1/2 hours before a crowd comprising of 5,000 audience. At 8-30 p.m. Mr. Bhave recited and explained some portion from the "Kuran" to the Muslim brothers who were present there for prayer.

DEFENCE LOANS FROM PROVIDENT FUND

Facilities Afforded By Amendment In Savings Certificate Rules

The following Postal Notice has been issued:—

With a view to affording facility for the investment of the provident fund money of the employees of a local body or an educational institution in Defence Savings Certificates, the Government of India have introduced a rule which is reproduced below for information.

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Parsi: Meher 21, 1311
Sunrise: 6-42 a.m. Sunset: 6-49 p.m.
Hightide: 3-36, 16-58. Lowtide: 10-04, 23-03

FRIDAY, March 27

Standing Committee, 3 p.m. (B.T.).
"Haj Committee" meeting at 5 p.m. (S.T.) at Haj Committee Office.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15, 6-45, and 9 p.m. Matinee on Thursday at 11 a.m.
NEW WEST END—"Doctor" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m.
REGAL—"Down Argentine Way" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
SUPER—"The Jungle Princess" 4-30, 7-15 and 9-45 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Great Guns" 4, 6-30 and 9-30
METRO—"Two Faced Woman" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap" 2-30, 6-45, 8-45 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Paisa" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Apna Ghar" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Raja Rani" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m.
CHAMKA—"Shadi" 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
PALACE—"It Started With Eve" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EDWARD—"Gharki Laj" 4, 6-30 and 10
HIND-MATA—"Chandan" 4-30, 7 and 10
MINERVA—"Taj Mahal" 3-30, 6-15 and 9
KOHINOOR—"Naya Sansar" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Kasauti" 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Nirdosh" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
PRAKASH—"Sant Tulsidas" 1, 3-45, 6-30 and 9-15 p.m.
AURORA—"Sikandar" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—The Percy Athos Follies 6-15 and 9-15 p.m. To-day at 3 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Khilauna" 3, 6 and 9

HALVAD YUVAK MANDAL: An yearly meeting of the Halvad Yuvak Mandal was held under the presidentship of Mr. Harilal Shukla on Sunday. The secretaries presented the report and speeches appropriate to the occasion were made by the members.

TEA-PARTY: Dr. P. H. Mehesheri, Chairman Improvements Committee, will give a tea party to-day (Tuesday) at 5-10 p.m. (S.T.) in the Municipal Corporation Hall to the members of the Corporation.

ROTARIANS MEET: To-day (Tuesday) there will be a Rotary luncheon meeting at 1-30 p.m., at Greens' Hotel, when Major General F. V. B. Witts will speak on "The Army and Bombay."

GATHA SOCIETY: A public meeting of the Gatha Society will be held to-day (Tuesday), at 6 p.m. ((S.T.) at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute, 136, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, when Mr. B.T. Anklesaria, will give an exposition in Gujarati on the Gatha Vohu Khshathra (Yasna Ha 51) strophe 1.

P.V.B.'S PATROL CAMP: A Patrol Camp of the People's Volunteer Brigade will be started from Thursday, the 26th March 1942, at 9 p.m. (S.T.), at the Congress House.

A.R.P. COMMITTEE, MATUNGA: Dr. N. P. Narayana Iyer will deliver a lecture on First-Aid to the Injured" to-day (Tuesday), at 9 p.m. in Ramanarain Ruia College.

A. R. P. KHAR DIV.: Mr. S. K. Mukerji will deliver a lecture on "What is a Safety Room?" at the C. K. P. Hall, Khar, to-day (Tuesday), at 9 p.m. It is open to the public.

PARSI MATRIMONIAL COURT: The Parsi Chief Matrimonial Court commenced its sitting on Monday Mr. Justice Wadia presiding and Parsi delegates, at the Bombay High Court.

There are in all 20 cases on the board of the court out of which 12 are ex-parte cases.

DONATIONS: The following donations have been awarded by His Highness Capt. Sir Jiwanjirao Scindia, Alijahabadar, of Gwalior on the occasion of the birth of a daughter Maharaj Kumari Padma Raje:—The Bombay Education League, Bombay, Rs. 2,000; Prof. Date's Dumb and Deaf Institute Rs. 500 and School and Home for Blinds, Poona Rs. 500.

FIRST-AID-CLASS: Under the auspices of the Bhartiya Navyuvak Sangh, first-aid training will be given to the volunteers, members of the Sangh and others who wish to join, from to-day (Tuesday), at 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. (S.T.) on behalf of C Ward Congress Committee. Members, Volunteers, and others are requested to enrol their names.

ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN INDUSTRIES: The Committee of the Association of Indian Industries have sent the following telegram to the Government of India, Department of Supply, regarding the Conference at New Delhi for the utilising small-scale industry:—

"Reference announcement in yesterday's "Times of India" regarding conference on March twentythird for utilising small scale industry for production of war supplies. Committee Association of Indian Industries feels it essential to associate representative of small-scale industry in deliberations of conference."

The Department of Supply have telegraphically replied to the above telegram that the said meeting is a conference of representatives of Provincial Governments.

Bombay Humanitarian League

RESULTS OF PRIZE ESSAY SCHEME NO. 145

The following students in Prize Essay Competition Scheme No. 145 announced by the League in the year 1941 for Matric students of High Schools of the Province of Sind and Bombay get prizes as judged by the Board of Examiners appointed by the Prize Scheme Committee the subject for the Essay being "Key to Health and Happiness."

2nd Prize: Value Rs. 30 to Mr. Noshir Khurshedji Dabu Sir J. J. English School Surat. 3rd Prize: Value Rs. 20 to Mr. G R. Dixit, N. M. V. High School Poona.

RESULTS OF PRIZE SCHEME NO. 146.

The following students in Prize Essay Competition Scheme No. 146 announced by the League in the year 1941 for Parsi Students studying in Matric Class of High Schools of the Province of Bombay and Sind get prizes as judged by the Hony. Examiner appointed by the Prize Scheme Committee, the subject for the essay being "Diet and Parsi Scriptures".

1st Prize: Value Rs. 20 to Mr. D. K. Mana, Bai Virbaiji Soparivala Parsi High School, Karachi; 2nd Prize: Value Rs. 15 to Miss D. S. Bamji, J. B. Vachha High School Dadar, Bombay; 3rd Prize: Value Rs. 10 to Mr. T. R. Bulsara, Bai Jyabai High School,, Bulsar.

RESULTS OF PRIZE ESSAY SCHEME NO. 147.

The following students in Prize Essay Competition Scheme No. 147 announced by the League in the year 1941 for 1st and 2nd year students of colleges of the Province of Bombay and Sind get prizes as judged by the Hony. Examiner appointed by the Prize Scheme Committee, the subject for the Essay being "Effect of cruelties to Animals on Character."

1st Prize: Value Rs. 50 to Mr. D. K. Apasangikar, D.A.V. College, Sholapur; 2nd Prize: Value Rs. 30 to Mr. Chinnobhai H. Patel, Grant Medical College, Bombay; 3rd Prize: Value Rs. 25 to Mr. D. J. Advani, D. G. National College, Hyderabad (Sind).

RESULTS OF PRIZE ESSAY SCHEME NO. 148

The following students in prize Essay Competition Scheme No. 148 announced by the League in the year 1941 for 3rd and 4th year students of colleges of the Province of Bombay and Sind get prizes as judged by the Hony. Examiner appointed by the Prize Scheme Committee, the subject for the Essay being "Importance of Ahimsa-Non-violence from Moral Material and Ethical Considerations".

1st Prize: Value Rs. 50 to Mr G. G Nijagannayar, Karnatak College, Dharwar; 2nd Prize: Value Rs. 30 to Mr. R. M Patel, Gujarat College, Ahmedabad; 3rd Prize: Value Rs. 25 to Mr. K. S. Praphudesai, Willingdon College Sangli.

ON THE AIR

TUESDAY, MARCH 24.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian troops. 5 Abdul Ghani. 5-15 Bande Hasan. 5-30 Kafi Aur Ghazal. 5-45 Bhajans. 6-25 Gulabbai. 6-45 Kitaben Ki Baten. 7 Abdul Ghani. 7-15 For villagers only. 8 For the Universities. 8-15 Mohammad Ismail. 8-30 It has happened. 8-35 Gulabbai. 8-45 Badrbai. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 Abdul Ghani. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Rulia Ram and party. 10-15 Gulabbai. 10-30 Dholak Ke Geet.

Bombay I—Programme.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Allah Rakhibai. 7-45 Jaltarang Solo. 7-50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English. 8-10 D. K. Joshi Mangalvedhekar. 8-25 Jagannathbuwa Pandharpurkar. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Krishnabai Bahutule. 9-20 A. Y. Zarapkar. 12-30 p.m. Sindhi songs. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Gujarati music. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 Girijabai Kelekar. 5-25 D. K. Joshi Mangalvedhekar. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Krishnabai Bahutule. 6 News in English. 6-10 News in Hindustani. 6-20 Local news and announcements. 6-25 Local news and announcements. 6-30 Children's half-hour. 7 New Marathi books 7-15 A. Y. Zarapkar. 7-30 Allah Rakhibai. 7-45 News commentary. 7-50 Krishnabai Bahutule. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Offenders against Society, 2. 8-45 Dot and Dash 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Emmi Drazdik. 10-20 The Air Symphonic strings. 10-35 Mehli Mehta.

Bombay II—Programme.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-50 Girijabai Kelekar. 8-10 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Recitations from Gujarati poems. 9 Tulsidasji Bhajan. 9-10 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

5 to 6 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 6 A. Y. Zarapkar. 6-20 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 7-45 to 8 As in Bombay 1. 8 Jagannathbuwa Pandharpurkar. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Air Orchestra. 9-10 A. Y. Zarapkar. 9-25 D. K. Joshi Mangalvedhekar. 9-45 Allah Rakhibai. 10 Girijabai Kelekar. 10-20 Jagannathbuwa Pandharpurkar.

3 Arts' Gathering

(From A Correspondent.)

3 Arts' meeting for the Singapore guests, on Sunday at Green's was a crowded Social. Miss Nelly Wong was extremely versatile with her graphic description of the social, economic and cultural life of Singapore. Agha Asraf Kazimi, ex-ounded some Yunani cures based on the ancient preparations efficacious. There was a delightful programme of varied items of music. It was announced that on the 29th instant. Gouri Shankar and Damayanti, would display a programme of classical dancing and singing and that Atiya Begum's Book on the Sangit of India was ready, illustrated by Fyzee Rahamin, that Principal Fyzee would speak on the "Future of Civilization" on the 19th April, when the new Kathak Dancers Kumar, and Yeshodhara will give a fine display of their first appearance in Bombay, that Atiya Begum will preside on March 29. Mme. Wong spoke charmingly. Mr. Makani thanked the distinguished guests and audience.

PROPOSED BIOGRAPHY OF JAMNADAS BAJAJ

Haribhau Upadhyaya, Khadi Vidyalaya Harmara, (Ajmer Merwara) writes:

"The Sasta Sahitya Mandal (The Hindi Publishing Society) New Delhi, founded by the late Seth Jamnalal Bajaj have decided to bring out a biography of the late Sethji, the task of writing which has been entrusted to me. I, therefore request all those who were in touch with the late Sethji, to kindly send me any material that may help me in writing the volume, such as, personal letters, narratives, reminiseences photographs, etc., which will be returned intact to their owners after use."

CHARTERED BANK DIVIDEND: "At the Shareholders meeting on April, 1, Directors will recommend final Dividend at the rate of 5 per cent per annum for Half-year subject Income Tax. £50,000 Pension Fund £260,467-15-9 carried forward."

JNANESHWARI CLASS: Mr. D. V. Sabnis will give a religious discourse on Jananeshwari in Marathi to-day (Tuesday) at 7-15 p.m. in Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, 64, Portuguese Church Street, Dadar, (B.B. and C.I. Rly.)

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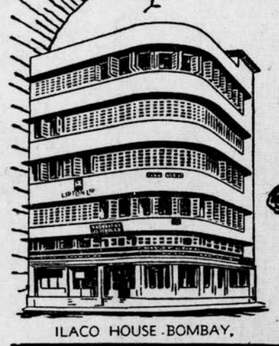
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WELCOME

Sir Stafford Cripps, who arrived in India on Sunday, will doubtless be accorded a cordial welcome by Indians, who, knowing his past record, hope for great things from him. That he will sincerely try to do his best for the country goes without saying. His earnestness is evident from the very first interview he gave to a Press Conference on Monday. But whether he will succeed in his mission will depend less upon him or the proposals he may recommend than on the Government he now represents. In the absence of any knowledge of his proposals, nothing can be said by the public for or against them. Nobody would say they should be accepted, whatever they are. For, what is needed now is not merely a patched-up paper settlement but one that will enthuse the people. Nor is any purpose really served by vague appeals, such as Mr. Srinivasa Sastri has made, to avoid extreme demands. No responsible leader makes any demand knowing it to be impossible. The real question is whether any proposal is truly extreme or impossible. He is right in warning against delay as already there has been too much delay and the situation is too critical to brook any more of it. But he makes a rather one-sided appeal when he says: "Give up extreme demands which the British Government cannot grant. Compromise is not only necessary, but honourable. You yield not to a rival, but to the sovereign needs of the Motherland." It will be more proper for him to appeal to Britain not to take up an uncompromising attitude and not to expect the people of India to surrender essential rights which they cannot possibly surrender.

Wanted Courage & Imagination

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari subjects Mr. Sastri's appeal to reasoned criticism and rightly points out that the appeal should be "not for moderation on the part of Indian leaders or adjustment to the inclinations of British conservatives but rather for courage and imagination on the part of the British to place an ideal worth fighting for and dying for." The common problem before India and Britain is, says Rajaji, the two-fold one, "on the one hand, to make Britain realise that the old Imperial mode and mentality will not do, if the tragedy that is impending is to be avoided and, on the other hand, to make the Indian people and all their leaders realise they cannot shirk or postpone the responsibility for self-defence or prefer working at other problems in preference to this." That is also the gist of the many inspiring speeches which he delivered in his recent tour of various districts in his province. Rochouse & Sons, Madras, have done well to publish in the form of a pamphlet with the title "The Defence of India", the speeches delivered in January and February.. (Pages 83, price one rupee). From these speeches Sir Stafford Cripps will have a fair idea of the feelings in the minds of most Congress leaders.

A National Demand

As against the uncertainty which surrounds the proposals which Sir Stafford brings with him, the demands of the principal political bodies in the country are clear enough in outline. So far as the Congress is concerned, the resolution of the All-India Congress Committee which met at Wardha in January last made it clear that only a free and independent India can be in a position to undertake the defence of the country on a national basis and be of help in the furtherance of the larger causes that are emerging from the storm of war. The resolution also makes it clear that a mere promise for the future will not suffice. It states that "the whole background in India is one of hostility and of distrust of the British Government and not even the most far-reaching promises can alter this background, nor can a subject India offer voluntary or willing help to an arrogant imperialism." In short, Congress demands complete freedom even now. It is significant that even the Non-Party Conference demands that henceforth "India's constitutional position and powers must be identical with those of the other self-governing units of the British Commonwealth." We have no reason to believe that the Muslim League and the Hindu Mahasabha demand anything less, though they seem more concerned about their respective community's share of power than the transference of power from Britain to India. That this attitude creates one of the main difficulties in the solution of the Indian problem is notorious. But the difficulty is not insoluble, strenuous attempts are being made by several Indian leaders including Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan, and Sir Stafford can do a great service by helping these attempts. If his final recommendations are thereby made acceptable to considerable sections of both the communities, it will be impossible for the British Government to reject them.

Bulgaria And Germany

King Boris has left Sofia presumably on a pleading pilgrimage to Germany. The Fuhrer has long been demanding greater Bulgarian contribution to his war on Russia in return for blessings received by Bulgaria in Greece and Yugoslavia. The Bulgars have so far managed to propitiate him with words and token offerings. But the time seems to have arrived now for the Fuhrer's patience to begin getting exhausted. This is not difficult to understand. German plans against Russia have failed to go according to expectations and have proved very costly, too. Herr Hitler needs substantial assistance from his satellites including Bulgaria for his spring campaign. And if he plans a simultaneous drive through Turkey, a big contribution of cannon fodder by Bulgaria becomes all the more imperative. But Bulgarian hesitation is also not difficult to understand. The Bulgar public is predominantly pro-Russian; so also, indeed is the army generally except for the officer class. King Boris and his advisers, therefore, are profoundly concerned over the danger of actively joining Germany. Hence the visit of King Boris to the Fuhrer, who, however, is in a position to dictate to Bulgaria and will do so.

So far as Russia is concerned the danger is by no means serious yet. Should Marshal Timoshenko score a smashing victory or two in the Donetz basin or the Crimea he would have more than neutralised Bulgaria's military intervention, by completing the demoralisation of the Rumanians and helping, indirectly, to intensify the trouble between Hungary and Rumania as also their reluctance to send more troops to the Russian front. As to Herr Hitler's second objective, namely, pressure upon Turkey we doubt if a Bulgarian threat will at all frighten the Turks. Despite the foolish attack on Herr Von Papen, and the unfortunate bombing of Milas the Turks—who, incidentally accepted Lease-Lend assistance which the hard-headed Americans are unhesitatingly giving—will not yield the passage which Herr Hitler desires for his army. They will fight and the Germans will need a great deal more than Italians and Bulgars to make any impression on them in the field of battle. Indeed, supported as they would be by a fairly strong British Ninth Army, the Fuhrer will be compelled to throw in a few hundred thousands of his own 'Wehrmacht' that might well become a veritable "second front" for his resources particularly if General Auchinleck develops his raids into something more serious for the Germans in Cyrenaica.

Industrialisation

Presiding over the Second All-India Manufacturers' Conference at Poona on Saturday Sir M. Visvesvaraya deplored the poor progress India had so far made in industries, as compared with her needs and possibilities. "The disabilities under which this country is labouring in the present war," he said, "is a stern reminder that the past neglect of industries on her part has been ruinous and that she should turn a new leaf if she is to rise in the scale of material prosperity and national strength." There is no doubt about the need for considerable and varied industrial progress in India, but the country is so circumstanced that the people by themselves cannot do much in promoting large scale industries if Government are hostile and withhold the necessary amount of protection. His own experience of Government's attitude towards the automobile industry tells its own melancholy tale. The people can do more through self-reliance about medium scale and small scale industries. The latter are of special importance as they can be carried on in rural areas, where unemployment is rampant for nearly half the year.

Frankly Speaking

Bataan Situation

General Yamashita, who commands the Japanese army in the Philippines, is reported to have given an ultimatum to General Wainright to surrender or suffer the consequences. General Wainright has naturally ignored the ultimatum, as General MacArthur did a series of similar demands by General Homma who was General Yamashita's predecessor and who committed 'hara kiri' later on. The latest ultimatum has been accompanied, as was only to be expected, by a revival of Japanese efforts against the Bataan Peninsula. The question is whether exploiting General MacArthur's unexpected departure, General Yamashita's is just a psychological offensive launched against the morale of his American and Filipino troops or whether the Japanese Commander has felt himself encouraged to believe that this departure connoted a decisive deterioration in the defenders' strength and resources. Developments during the next few days will be watched with keen interest. They may well decide the fate of the Philippines.

Misleading Reports

First messages about Mr. Casey's appointment as Britain's Minister of State in Cairo very definitely assured the world that it was widely welcomed in Britain, the U.S.A., and America. They have since proved to be misleading and propagandist reports of a particularly deplorable type. The White Paper issued from Canberra and the Churchill-Curtin correspondence released from Downing Street show that Mr Casey's appointment provoked a serious controversy between the two Premiers and had very nearly given rise to a first class Anglo-Australian diplomatic incident. The appointment has quite obviously rendered the relations between the two countries worse. But we are concerned here with the earlier reports of reactions in the various countries concerned. Why should the propagandist urge lead news agencies into irresponsible statements which prove immediately to be quite the reverse of facts?

Why This Secrecy?

The head of the United States Technical Mission to India received last week President Roosevelt's final instructions before leaving for India. But his cryptic remarks to the Press, "The peaceful way of life is at stake. I want to do my bit in every way I can", gives no idea whatsoever of the nature of his mission's work here. Nor have the Government of India's pronouncements on the subject been more helpful. This deliberate refusal to take into confidence the leaders of the people, whose interests are vitally affected has naturally made them suspicious. It is said the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce will soon take up this matter with Government and the latter will do well to make clear the scope of the mission.

Frightful Happenings

Two deputations of Indians owning large properties and other interests in Burma have arrived in India and submitted to the Government of India a memorandum recording "huge losses suffered by Indians due to looting and destruction of properties in Burma, terrible hardship, serious lack of facilities and discrimination experienced by them in returning to India and neglect by the Government of Burma in providing for needed and reasonable protection to the life and property of Indians in that country." One of the deputations has issued a statement which, after referring to destruction caused by the scorched earth policy and the release of criminals and lunatics, says: "These hooligans roamed the streets of Rangoon unchecked and they looted and burnt down property belonging to Indian nationals, thereby causing irreparable loss to them. It passes comprehension as to why the authorities behaved in this manner. There is no reason why these criminals should have been set free to rob, burn and assault the citizens, and it is hoped that the Government of India will take up this matter at once with the authorities in Burma, both civil and military, and that satisfaction will be given." Here are frightful happenings which certainly demand a searching inquiry. And the question of compensation, too, must be considered sympathetically and promptly.

Women's Auxiliary Corps

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—What qualifications have the Ladies Linlithgow and James for running this new Women's Auxiliary Corps?

Would not this have been a golden opportunity for making an Indian lady the supreme head?—Yours, etc.,

H. SAMUEL.

Royal Bombay Yacht Club,
March 23.

KARACHI:—Campaign of thrift and national savings will shortly be launched in the Province by a Committee just appointed by the Government. The Committee which is called as "the Sind Defence Loans Committee", consists of officials and non-officials including Mr. M. H. Gazdar, Mayor of Karachi and Mr. Jamshed Mehta.

Big Axis Naval Losses In Mediterranean

British Submarines Account for U-Boats, Supply Ships And Schooners In Successful Action

LONDON, March 23.

An Admiralty Communique states two U-Boats, two supply ships, six schooners and one motor vessel carrying troops were successfully attacked by British submarine in the Mediterranean.

Announcing the sinking of two U-Boats and other Axis vessels in the Mediterranean, an Admiralty Communique says: "Two U-Boats, two supply ships, six schooners and a motor vessel carrying troops have been successfully attacked by British submarines in the Mediterranean.

An Italian U-Boat of the Argonaut Class has been torpedoed and sunk in the southern approaches to the Straits of Messina by a submarine under the Command of Lieut.-Commander E. A. Woodward. An attempt to rescue the survivors from the U-Boat who were struggling in the water, was interferred with by enemy aircraft and had to be abandoned.

A large and strongly escorted supply ship has been torpedoed by the same submarine and almost certainly sunk.

Six large schooners, one of which was flying the Nazi Flag, and a motor vessel crowded with enemy troops have been sunk by one of our submarines under the command of Commander J. W. Linton. All these enemy vessels were sunk by gunfire.

A small enemy supply ship has been sunk by gunfire from a submarine commanded by Commander A. C. Miers. This submarine was engaged by enemy shore batteries on the Albanian Coast but suffered no damage or casualties.

Large new Italian U-Boats, the 'Ammiraglio" and the "Millo" have been attacked off the Salo point, Calabria in southern Italy by a submarine under the command of Lieut. P. R. H. Harrison. This action was witnessed by watchers on the Italian coast and while the the British submarine was engaged in picking up the survivors, she was subjected to ineffectual machine-gun fire from land."—Reuter.

SOVIET ADVANCE CONTINUES

Three Localities Occupied In Central Front

MOSCOW, March 23.

Three localities were occupied on the Central Front says a supplement to the Soviet Midday Communique. The Germans suffered heavy losses.

On the north-western front, an important strong-point was occupied and much booty captured.—Reuter.

A.R.P. AS PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT

The Municipal Corporation approved of the resolution of Mr. S. K. Patil on Monday to request the Government to appoint a non-official committee to control the A. R. P. and civil defence measures in the city.

Mr. Patil moved:

"That with a view to popularise the A.R.P. and Civil Defence activities in the City of Bombay and to secure full measure of public support for these activities, the Municipal Corporation requests His Worship the Mayor to represent to Government the advisability and necessity of appointing a non-official Committee to control the A.R.P. and Civil Defence measures in the City with adequate representation of the Corporation on that Committee."

"JUSTIFIABLE GRIEVANCE."

Mr. Patil said so far the response of the people to the Government appeal to join the A.R.P. movement was not successful, because it was considered to be a Government Department and that it did not represent the people and therefore did not enjoy the confidence of the public. Mr. Patil said he did not want anything that interfered with the police or the military aspects of the work to be transferred to non-official control. Mr. Patil then pointed out that the A.R.P. arrangement in Germany, England, Chungking and even Singapore was in the hands of the non-official bodies and said the Bombay Municipal Corporation had justifiable grievance against the Government in the matter of A.R.P. as it had all along been totally ignored. The Municipal Corporation was simply asked to implement schemes which Government had made or to pay the money. Even in these bad days of finance, the Corporation had promised a big contribution of Rs. 21 lacs for the A.R.P. services. By appointment of the non-official committee the atmosphere of distrust which at present enveloped both the Government and the people would disappear.

Mr. A. P. Sabawala seconding the resolution said there was a time when he opposed the Congress, but in the matter of defence and the protection of the city, he was one with the Congress or with any one who took up these matters.

Mr. Nagindas T. Master said large sums of money were spent on instruction and equipment by the Bombay Municipality and he hoped Government would be well advised to accept the resolution.

AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta moved an amendment to delete the word "control" and insert "advise and assist" instead.

Mirza Akhtar Hassan moved another amendment to add representatives of the Muslim League also on the Committee.

Mr. M. U Rajab, Mr. M. N. Talpade and Mr. Asok Mehta also spoke.

Mr. Patil in reply assured the Muslim League members that he would have no objection to take cent per cent Muslim League members on the committee. They were all meant for the protection of the city and politics had nothing to do with it.

The amendments were thrown out and the original proposition was carried

GOVT. REPLY TO P.V.B. STATEMENT

Payment Of Motor Drivers Conscripted For Service

(From Director of Information, Bombay.)

The Bombay Government's attention has been drawn to a press note issued by the Vigilance Committee of the P. V. B. and published in the "Bombay Chronicle" of Saturday, March 21, in regard to the Motor Vehicles Drivers' Ordinance.

It is stated in the press note that this Ordinance makes no provision for the payment of those conscripted, nor does it provide for compensation in the case of injury or loss of life sustained by persons so conscripted. This statement is incorrect and misleading.

The Motor Vehicles Drivers' Ordinance in section 8(2)(c) shows that rules may be made covering the payment of persons whose services are requisitioned, and the rules made by the Government of Bombay in this respect are being issued shortly.

In regard to payment of compensation for injuries, etc. to those whose services are requisitioned, that is already covered by section 2(2) (ii) of the War Injuries Scheme which was published on January 1, 1942.

BEACON LIGHT TO END OF TIME

Tributes To Martyrdom Of Imam Hussain

BENARES, March 22.

"However much religions may differ in their emphasis and accents, they speak with one voice so far as the loyalty to the supreme idea and the sacrifice for it go. Any one who, for the sake of truth, prefers death to dishonour is a religious soul and Imam Hussain belongs to that great company", said Sir S. Radhakrishnan in a message which was read at a meeting of the citizens of Benares held to-day to celebrate the 1300th anniversary of the martyrdom of Imam Hussain.

A message in Urdu from Dr. Bhagawan Das was also read at the meeting.

Pandit Jagannath Mehta, presiding over the meeting, wanted his audience to bear in mind that the question was not whether they could understand fully the mystery of the nature and person of Hussain, but whether he had given human beings sufficient evidence to call forth intelligent faith and grateful worship. Was not his noble and glorious death, Pandit Mehta asked, a precedent and an example which should serve as a beacon light to the end of time and should help to guide mankind along the path of truth in the darkest hour of destiny?—A. P.

CHAUDHRI KHALIQUZZAMAN ON PAKISTAN.

NEW DELHI, March 22.

Chaudhri Khaliquzzaman, member of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League, has issued the following statement:

"I am happy to find that the Jamiat-ul-Ulema in its resolution at Lahore has appealed for unity amongst the Muslims for the safety of the 'Muslim Nation and Islam' and has desired that this appeal should be reciprocated.

I cannot however, agree with the views expressed by Maulana Hassan Ahmad Madani in his presidential address wherein he has supported the British policy of forcing the Muslim nation to accept Federation as the only solution. "The criticism of the demand of Pakistan is based on total misconception and on a lack of proper understanding of the constitutional problem of India I trust that after fuller consideration, the Jamiat-ul-Ulema will revise its views and accept Pakistan as the only solution for the Muslim nation in India.—A. P.

GEN. TATEKAWA,
BERLIN, March 23.

A Tokyo telegram states that Lieut.-General Tatekawa, the Japanese Ambassador to the U.S.S.R., left Kuibyshev by plane for Moscow on Sunday to take leave of the Soviet Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov.—Reuter.

"Pakistan Day"

Muslim India's Goal

Chundrigar On Implications Of Lahore League Resolution

The Kaiser Baug at Dongri was overcrowded on Monday night when a meeting in observance of the Pakistan Day was held under the auspices of the Muslim League Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, M.L.A., presided.

Explaining the object, the far-reaching implications and importance of Pakistan, Mr. Chundrigar recapitulated the circumstances that led to the conception of Pakistan, as far back as 1939 when the All-India Muslim League adopted a resolution at its annual session at Lahore declaring Pakistan as the goal of Muslim India.

Continuing Mr. Chundrigar said that Muslim League stood for practical realisation of its ideal and it had always rightly guided the Muslim community in India in all religious, cultural, economic and political matters, the sole charge being vested in the hands of Mr. Jinnah.

Mr. Jinnah had over and over again emphasized the necessity of establishing Pakistan which was the only solution that would lead to the harmonious blending of all communities in India.

"AKHAND HINDUSTAN"

Referring to Mr. Munshi's move for Akhand Hindustan the speaker observed, they had never heard of Akhand Hindustan so far in the Indian History.

"If by counting of heads was a Government to be formed", the speaker said, "that would certainly mean the Hindu Raj, as Hindus are in a majority."

"CRY IN WILDERNESS"

Referring to the propaganda of the non-League Muslim parties, the speaker said it was only a cry in the wilderness. These non-League parties were neither regarded nor respected by the majority of the Mussalmans of India. "They were only wasting their funds in such uncalled-for, and unpopular shows."

Concluding the President said, if the British were asked to form one Government in Europe, in cooperation with France and Russia would there be the slightest hope of the nation so constituted would arrive at any agreement? Similar will be the case with Muslims and Hindus.

Mr. K. A. Somji said: Pakistan meant justice and justice was the same for the rich and the poor alike.

AZAD MUSLIM BOARD REVIEWS SITUATION

Tentative Decision Taken

LAHORE, Mar. 23.

The political situation in the country, with special reference to the visit of Sir Stafford Cripps, was considered at a meeting of the Board of the All-India Azad Muslim Conference presided over by Khan Bahadur Allah Bakhsh, Premier of Sind. The meeting, which was held at the residence of Mian Iftikhar-ud-Din, President of the P.P.C.C. was attended among others by Mr. Shamsuddin Ahmad, Minister of Public Works, Bengal Mufti Kifayatullah, Maulvi Ahmad Saeed, Dr. Shaukatullah Ansari, Maulvi Hifzur Rahman and Mr. Mohd Jafri. Dr Khan Saheb, Mr. Asaf Ali, and Maulana Tufail Ahmad were present by special invitation.

It is understood that if the necessity arises the Board will meet at Delhi about 27th March after Khan Bahadur Allah Bakhsh has met Sir Stafford Cripps.

TENTATIVE DECISIONS TAKEN.

After the meeting Khan Bahadur Allah Bakhsh told pressmen that the Board considered political developments in the country and arrived at certain tentative decisions which he declined to disclose.

Asked if they had decided upon any formula to be presented to Sir Stafford Cripps, the Sind Premier said that as a matter of fact everyone of them was in the dark about the actual nature of the proposals which Sir Stafford Cripps was bringing with him. It was, therefore, not possible for any organisation to consider what was at present not known. But so far as the question of a united front was concerned, it was the earnest desire of every body, added Khan Bahadur Allah Bakhsh, that there should be no difference of opinion in India over the main question, namely, India's freedom.

Khan Bahadur Allah Bakhsh and Mr. Asaf Ali are proceeding to Delhi to-night, while other members of the Board are leaving for their respective destinations.

It is learned that the Board has decided to hold the annual conference in the third of fourth week of April in the United Provinces.—A. P.

DIVISION IN ORISSA ASSEMBLY

CUTTACK, March 23.

For the first time the Congress demanded poll in the Orissa Assembly to-day three times in succession when voting on demands was resumed. All the three demands under stamps, forest and registration were assented to by the Assembly, the voting on each occasion being 17 to 24.—A.P.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

KARACHI, March 22.

As Sir Stafford Cripps is coming through yellow fever area, he is remaining under quarantine for the night at Drigh Road and will leave for Delhi by a special plane tomorrow.

Nobody is allowed to meet Sir Stafford expecting His Excellency the Governor who was immunised from yellow fever.—A. P and U. P.

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"Sir Stafford Cripps was received on alighting from the plane by Colonel Toogood, Military Secretary to the Viceroy representing His Excellency and Major-General Molesworth representing the Commander-in-Chief and General Headquarters".

—Delhi Message.

Apart altogether from the signal honour recently conferred upon Sir Stafford Cripps re Precedence even a fastidious man which Cripps is not, can desire nothing better than reception by a Toogood supplemented by a Molesworth.

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Paying a tribute to Imam Husain His Highness the Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes said that the great Muslim Martyr "preferred death with honour to life in dishonour ...in the cause of justice and liberty." Can we hope His Highness does realise that he said "justice and liberty"?

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The Secretary General of the Supreme National Defence Council of China is convinced that "Free India would be great asset to the democracies"

For the present, however, free India is a great asset to our hold-up "leaders."

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Owing to the inability of Messrs. Jayakar and Savarkar to attend it, Mr. Bhopatkar's Maharashtra All Party Political Conference has been postponed.

We heartily bless Sir Stafford Cripps who is directly responsible for this.

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According to a Lahore report, Sir Sikandar Hayat has long conferences with Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

Isn't there a provision against such meetings in the Defence of the Muslim League Ordinance which was promulgated by the Qaid-e-Azam over a year or so ago?

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The Jamiat-ul-Ulema has appealed to Indian Muslims for a united Muslim front.

It is confidently expected that, if approached, Mr. Jinnah will condescend to ask who are these men called Ulema and what right have they to speak for or in the interests of, Musalmans?

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With the entry of Japan, the Axis Powers have thrown in their last reserves, says Mr. Attlee, "but on our side have come in the great Chinese nation and the United States of America."

This compliment to the great Chinese Nation is magnificent and very British.

Eh? Of course it was Russia which "came in" when Germany launched her Eastern offensive and not Britain.

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The precise reason for the British raid in the Tmimi area is not known in London, says a cable.

It is gratifying to learn that we are not alone.

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Australia, too, seems to have caught the disease. We mean a "military spokesman" has sprung up there also complete with all—e—typical characteristics. And he has ushered himself on the stage with the information that the Japanese have abandoned attempts to push inland in New Guinea.

We welcome him, of course, but we prefer the other information that U. S. and Australian aircraft destroyed or damaged 23 Jap. planes on Saturday last.

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"How did you like her singing?"

"Wonderful! I could almost understand some of the words she sang."

In Middle East

R. A. F. RAIDS OVER CYRENAICA

CAIRO, March 23.

The R. A. F. Middle East 'communique' states: "Objectives at Berka and Derna in Cyrenaica, at Hassani in Greece and at Heraklion, Retmo and Tympaki in Crete were raided by bomber aircraft of the Middle East Command during Saturday night.

In the forward area of Cyrenaica fighter aircraft were active throughout yesterday.

Enemy air activity over Malta on the same day was on a reduced scale. Enemy bombers and fighters were damaged by our fighter aircraft and anti-aircraft guns. One of our aircraft is missing.—Reuter.

Commons To Debate On Issue Of Production

LONDON, March 23.

The war's most vital issue namely, production will be the subject of a two days debate in the Commons at an early date, writes Reuter's Lobby correspondent. The debate will enable the new Production Minister Capt. Lyttelton to give an outline of his hopes and plans in this all important filed. Tremendous strides have been taken in production since the outbreak of the war as indicated by the tank production figures given by Mr. Attlee yesterday.—Reuter.

NEW YORK MARKET IN A STALEMATE STATE

Absence Of New Incentives

Bombay, March 23.

The New York cotton market was again in a state of stalemate with operators remaining on side lines. Cotton fluctuated narrowly. Small scattered hedging against Commodity Credit Corporation sales was offset by mill price-fixing and New Orleans buying, but lack of outside interest reflected absence of new incentives and continued Washington uncertainties. The session closed steady.

The market on Saturday opened unchanged at 18.56. The rate receded to 18.65—1 which was the lowest level for the day. The market later on turned with the rate touching 18.71+6, the highest for the day. The session terminated with a rise of 4 points at 18.70. The spot was quoted 20.25+1.

NEW YORK COTTON WEEKLY REVIEW

Prices tilted up on large scale trade and mill buying reflecting ever-growing Government demand for cotton goods, but extensive hedging against purchases from Commodity Credit Corporation tempered the advance. Merchants and shippers' reluctance to sell far ahead owing to ceiling uncertainties is causing mills concern about needed supplies to cover forward commitments. According to Commodity Credit Corporation bids were received for 887,000 bales for March quota, of which only 211,000 were awarded. New crop preparations in the East are reported to be late with a large carry-over of weevils from the last season. The discontinuance of the export subsidy to Canada is linked with further developments in the good neighbour policy to Brazil. A steady market is expected pending definite Washington developments.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York July highest (11-35 a.m.) ..... 18.71+05

New York July lowest (10-14 a.m.) ..... 18.65—01

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Cotton crop late. Spot demand and offerings light. Congressional action proposal prohibit sales Government stocks below parity doubtful before May.

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, March 23

The Bullion market presented a steadier attitude on replacement buying. Silver for Chaitra settlement opened at Rs. 79/12 and touched Rs. 80. At this stage buying support was feeble and the price declined to Rs. 78/12 on liquidation. Gold Chaitra was quoted Rs. 51/10 after early dealings at Rs. 82/6. The market turned quiet. Closing quotations.

Silver Ready	Rs. 83	4 0
Silver Chaitra		78 12 0
Gold Ready		52 0 0
Gold Chaitra		51 12 0
Sovereigns		39 0 0

Bombay Sugar Market

Bombay, March 23

Fine White Java sugar per cwt:—
Ready from bonds Rs. 22-0-0
Indian:—
Small grain Rs. 17-14-0 to 18-8-0
Large grain Rs. 18-8-0 to 19-4-0
Buland Rs. 19-10-0
Chinai Leesa Rs. 31-0-0
Bombay Group May delivery Rs. 14-0-0 per Bengal Maund.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, March 23

Yarn No. 6 1/2s April 213 June 212
Yarn No. 10 1/2s. April 233 June 232
Yarn No. 20 1/2s. April 311 June 307
Yarn No. 40s. April 425 June 420
Quotations for 6 1/2s, 10 1/2s, and 40s. are nominal.

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, March 23

Copper sheets lb. 21 Rs. 137 28 127 35 126 42 128 49-56 121
Brass sheets Flag Brand lb. 20-21 Rs. 107 24 104 28 104 35 92 42 91 49-56 90
Spelter 'P.R.' Rs. 75 Rosita Rs. 72 Country make Rs. 59 Pigtead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 32 per cwt.
Tin Ingot Penang Rs. 81 per qr.
SETTLEMENT RATES
Copper sheets Ashad Rs. 128/4
Market tone:—Steady.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, March 23

The cotton market is presenting a sagging tendency with buyers difficult to find. Every day new low levels are being recorded and it is becoming increasingly difficult to find bottoms. The major bull accounts in April/May contract having been eliminated, the market faced offerings in July/August. The market was easy pending settlement of options to-morrow end the acceptance of tenders in first week of April. Despite favourable reports from the piece-goods market and the enactment of war risk insurance scheme in the immediate future, the market was demoralised with selling from bazar operators.

The market opened at Rs 164 and touched Rs 165/4. Demand fell off and with selling orders from some professional operators, the rate dropped to Rs. 161/12, the lowest for the day. The closing quotations were as under:—

BROACH April/May	Rs.	162	8	0
BROACH July/August		178	12	0
OOMRA March		127	0	0
OOMRA May		134	8	0
OOMRA July		145	0	0
BENGAL March		123	8	0
BENGAL May		124	8	0
BENGAL July		131	0	0

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay March 23.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY OF INDIAN COTTON.

In full-pressed Bales.	20-3-42	This year	Since 1st September. Last year.
Khandesh	95	74,260	91,831
Central India	196	29,275	119,624
Barsi and Nagar		46,382	89,973
Hyderabad/Gaorani		10,671	30,883
Berar	301	165,231	313,465
Central Provinces	91	75,913	65,445
Total Oomra	683	401,732	711,221
Dholleras	209	29,156	57,061
N.-W. Provinces		1 021	1,202
Rajputana		378	4,961
Sind-Punjab	307	361,866	400,877
Broach	5,390	258,781	52,993
Compta and Dharwar	60	7,605	36,594
Westerns-Northerns		7,670	39,674
Cocoanada			239
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		9,073	727
Total	6,532	1,077,294	1,302,049
Arr. by road to 12th March 42		87 500	203 135

COTTON PARITY

Broach April/May below New York May 1.228 cent points at exchange 331

Broach July/August below New York July 1.168 cent points at exchange 331

Ssheduled Banks' Position

Statement of the position on scheduled banks as at the close of business on the 13th March, 1942.

1. Demand Liabilities in India 491,77,35,000
2. Time Liabilities in India 100,96,46,000
3. Cash in India:
   (i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes 9,11,37,000
   (ii) Rupee Coin 17,94,000
   (iii) Subsidiary Coin 38,40,000
4. Balances with Reserve Bank 39,62,51,000
5. Advances in India 114,76,37,000
6. Bills Discounted in India 3,19,56,000

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS.
(In thousand Rupees)

	13-3-1942	6-3-1942	14-3-1941	1-9-1939
1. Demand Liabilities in India	219,77,36	218,57,80	170,85,37	134,36,49
2. Time Liabilities in India	100 96,46	101,90,36	101,28,86	102,24,34
3. Cash in India	10,47,71	10,21,40	8,26,08	6,69,92
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	39,62,51	40,25,18	38,21,76	25,17,19
5. Advances in India	114 79,37	115,70,36	112,63,69	101,52,16
6. Bills discounted in India	3,19,56	3,58,17	5,84,18	3,57,29

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Tendency Better

Bombay, March 23

A steadier tendency prevailed on the Bombay Stock Exchange owing to reports of the issue of an Ordinance for War Risks Insurance scheme for factories in the very near future. In forward turnover was also better. It seems that confidence is slowly returning.

Tata Steel 2nd Preference shares were in demand at Rs 122. Tata Steel Defds were nominally put around Rs. 1370 for cash, and Ordinaries Rs. 260. Centuries were marked up to Rs. 403. Gokaks recorded business upto Rs. 262. E. D. Sassoons were Rs. 2/13, Scindia Rs. 19/10, Central Bank Rs. 43. Bank share swere strong. New India found buyers at Rs. 44/8.

TEXTILES

Bombay, March 23

100 Ahmedabad Advance	305	0	
250 BOMBAY DYEING	1147	8	
100 CENTURY	396	0	
100 CENTRAL INDIA	360	0	
100 Colaba X.D.	162	8	
100 Coorla	123	12	
250 Dawn	552	0	
250 David	300	0	
1 E. D. Sassoon Defd.	2	12	6
100 FINLAY	198	0	
100 GOKAK	262	0	
1000 Hindustan	2200	0	
100 Indore	240	0	
100 Khatau	230	0	
100 KOHINOOR X.D.	446	0	
250 LAXMI	540	0	
100 Madhusudan	320	0	
100 MORARJI	435	0	
250 Model	222	8	
50 MYSORE	125	0	
200 NEW GREAT X.D.	265	0	
100 Podar X.D.	189	0	
100 Phoenix	385	0	
25 Sassoon Silk	80	8	
1000 Sholapur	5000	0	
50 SIMPLEX	180	0	
100 SWADESHI	395	0	
100 SWAN	187	0	
500 Vishnu	1430	0	
1000 Western	1500	0	

BANKS

50-100 Baroda X.D.	103	8	
25-50 Central India X.D.	43	4	
500 Imperial	1400	0	
125-500 Imp. Cont.	345	0	
50-100 India X.D.	136	0	
100 Reserve Bank	98	0	
5 Union X.D.	6	2	

CEMENTS

100 ASSOCIATED X.D.	155	0	

INSURANCE

15-75 New India	44	0	
100 Empire	700	0	
15-100 Jupiter	11	4	
20 Mercantile	54	0	
200 Oriental	3450	0	
10-50 Vulcan	8	2	

ELECTRIC

100 Ahmedabad Old X.D.	160	0	
1000 ANDHRA VALLEY	1510	0	
10 Ajmer	12	9	
50 BOMBAY TRAMS	129	0	
100 Bombay Suburban	170	0	
10 Broach	13	6	
100 Karachi	208	12	
100 Poona	217	0	
100 Surat	178	12	
100 TATA HYDRO	159	0	
1000 TATA POWER	1412	8	

RAILWAYS

600 Ahmedabad Prantij X.D.	867	8	
100 C. Province	104	0	
100 Dhond Baramati	104	4	
100 Gujarat	103	0	
100 Mandra Bhon	102	0	
100 Pachora Jamner	93	8	
100 Sara Sirajganj	98	0	
500 Tapti Valley	631	4	

MININGS

2 Burma Corporation	2	0	
2sh. Indian Copper	1	12	
10 Indian Iron and Steel	23	4	
30 SHIVRAJPUR	30	0	
10 Mukund Iron	14	2	
40 TATA STEEL DEFD	1525	0	
75 TATA STEEL ORD.	285	0	
10 Steel Corporation	14	2	

MISCELLANEOUS

100 ALCOCK	425	0	
10 Air Services	3	0	
50 BELAPUR SUGAR	230	0	
200 Bombay Safe Deposit	650	0	
250 BOMBAY STEAM	305	0	
100 B. BURMA	225	0	
50 Contributory	76	4	
8sh. Br. B. Petrol	1	7	
50 Ind. BLEACHING	175	0	
80 Ind. Invest. Trust	46	8	
100 Indian Radio Def	360	0	
100 Indian Radio Ord	340	0	
100 Port Canning	70	0	
30 PREMIER CONSTRUCTION	110	0	
15 Scindia	19	10	
24 Tata Oil	50	0	
24 Tata Chemical	14	14	
100 Wimco	190	0	

PREFERENCE

7 p.c. Andhra Valley	1502	0	
6 p.c. Bom. Steam	315	0	
7 p.c. Bom. Tram. (T.F.) X.D.	75	4	
5 p.c. Central India (T.F.)	651	4	
6 1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 1st	112	0	
6 1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 2nd X.D. ...	104	8	
7 p.c. Tata Hydro	147	8	
1/2 p.c. Tata Power	1523	12	
6 p.c. Tata Steel 1st	182	8	
7 1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	119	8	
7 p.c. Vishnu	715	0	

DEBENTURES

4 p.c. Andhra Valley Deb	100	0	
4 p.c Bom. Telephone	48	0	
5 p.c. Morarji	103	6	
5 p.c. Sholapur	74	4	
4 p.c Tata Power Deb	105	8	

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, March 23

The market opened firm but later eased off owing to scattered selling. Tata Deferreds after opening at 1410 declined to 1350, while Tata Ordinaries eased off from 265 to 258. A steadiness was visible at the close, Deferreds standing at 1360 and Ordinaries at 261. Bombay Dyeings which were also first quoted higher in sympathy at 1135, closed steady at 1130. Indian Irons improved to 23-4.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day:—

Tata Deferreds (1320) 1410 1350 1360
Tata Ordinaries (251) 265 258 261
Tata Ordinary 261; Tata Deferred 1360; Indian Iron 23/4; Steel Corpn of Bengal 14/2; Bombay Dyeing 1130; Central India 357/8; Century 396/4; Gokak 260; Kohinoor 440; Simplex 180; Andhra Valley 1525; Tata Hydro 158/12; Tata Power 1425; Associated Cement 56/8; Belapur 227/8; Bombay Burma (old) 225

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, March 23

2 3/4 per cent 1948-52 93
3 1/2 per cent G. P. Notes 87/8
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 94
3 per cent 1949/52 Loan 95/2
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 103
4 per cent 1945 Bonds 102/2
3 per cent War Bonds 97/6
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 97/6
4 1/2 per cent 1955 Loan 107/8

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 104/9
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore 110
5 per cent 1935 Mysore 120 N

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent BPT 1947 97/0
4 per cent M Deb 1947 100/0
5 per cent M Deb 1959 110
5 per cent M Deb 1954 119/8
5 per cent K P T 1956 115
Trend:—Steady.

BOMBAY PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, March 23

Despite continuous drop in cotton values, the seeds market was steady owing to better position in the ready market. Wheat tried to look up and the rate touched Rs. 7/5/6 but closed at Rs. 7/4/6. Castorseeds advanced to Rs. 43 but could not be maintained. Cottonseeds were firm.

Closing quotations were as under:—

Groundnuts May	Rs.	42	5 9
Castorseeds May		42	9 0
Cottonseeds May		25	9 0
Linseeds May		9	2 6
Wheat May		7	4 6

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, March 23

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 2 months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Three months.
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Four months
B. C. Rates:—T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32; D D 1/6 5/32
NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4; D D Rs. 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2; D D Rs 326 1/2
MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2; D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 1/4; D D Rs. 295 3/4
BERNE:—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4; D D nil.
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2; D D nil
STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T K 123; D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 128
MEXICO:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27; D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04; D D Rs 62.04
LISBON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nominal; D D Esc 7.35 nominal.
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55
AUSTRALIA:—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8; D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T nil; D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet
Gold £8-8-0 Ready
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready: 23 9/16 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call and 1 month 1/2 per cent.
2 to 3 months 3/4 per cent.
4 to 9 months 1 per cent.
Tone:—Steady.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Speculatives Firm

CALCUTTA, March 23.

The share market generally ruled dull after the week-end but the speculative issues have maintained their firmness and business was put through on a moderate basis.

Following are final transactions up to 2 p.m.:—

Government Securities:—Three per cent loan (1951/54) 94 small lot three per cent defence loan (1949/52) 95/6 small lots, three per cent defence bonds (1946) 97/4 small lot, three and half per cent Govt. paper 87/4, five per cent loan (1945/55) 104/7.

Banks:—Imperial Bank (fully paid) 1337, Reserve Bank 93/8.

Coals:—New Beerbhoom (pref) 13/2 small lot.

Jutes:—Kamarhatty 460 small lots, Standard 205/5.

Miscellaneous:—Indian copper 1/11, Alkali and chemical (pref.) 102 small lot Frank Ross 5, Benares elec 14/10 c. t. Indian iron and steel 23/7, Steel Corpn. ord 14/4 (pref) 93, B. I. corpn. (ord) 4/12, Dunlop Rubber (1st pref) 122 small lot, C.T. Aluminimum Corpn. (ord) 11.

Debentures:—5 1/4 per cent (1939/50) Rohtas Industries Debs 103.

N. B. Friday, the 27th March, 1942, will be observed as a Stock Exchange holiday. In effect, therefore, the Stock Exchange will remain closed from the 26th to 30th March, 1942, both the days inclusive and will re-open on the 31st March, 1942.—A.P.

50 Years In Field Of Indian Insurance

The Indian Life Assurance Co., of Karachi, till recent years, the only Indian Company with headquarters in Sind completed the 50th. year of its existence on 7th March 1942. The old policy resulted in building up a very strong foundation. Since 1934 there has been a fourfold increase in new business figures when compared with the average new business figures prior to 1934. In 1940 the company completed a business of Rs. 36,40,500. The Life Fund stood at Rs. 97,33,328 and the Assets totalled Rs. 1,39,28,807, of which Rs. 1,04,46,299 were invested in Gilt-Edged Securities. The Report also showed an Investment Reserve Fund of Rs. 7,02,614. The Authorised and Subscribed Capital of the Company is Rs. 4,00,000 of which the amount paid up is Rs. 1,45,000; and to date the Company has paid out over Rs. 81,00,000 in claims. For 1941 the Company has completed a new business of over 36 lakhs.

SHIPPING NEWS.

IMPORTS.

Bombay, March 23.

42 cs glassware; 37 casks plumbags crucibles; 61 cases formic acid; 30 ctns fruit crush; 135 cs photo films; 78 dms sodium hydrosulphite; 676 cases elect lamps; 227 cs paper; 54 bs wrapping paper; 44 cs accumulator parts; 100 cs water proofing cement; 34 pkgs sheet lead; 75 bdls scrap copper wire; 32 bags tinture bottles; 210 ctns saline; 200 tins marine composition; 120 bags titamun oxide; 73 cs eye lotion; 40 cs ammonicia; 200 rolls waterproof paper; 42 cs fireclayware; 115 pkgs lead plates 60 cs glass bottles; 79 ctns elect lamp parts; 67 cs varnished paper; 80 cs photo plates; 200 kegs soda hyposulphite; 173 pkgs glazed broken tiles; 212 dms disft fluid; 29 cases hot water jugs; 80 cs wines; 147 cs sewing cotton thread; 140 cs prtd books, maps charts etc.; 60 cs shoe tacks; 28 cs sand paper; 109 cs oil varnish; 42 casks heel pins; 248 dms paint; 659 cs welding wire electrodes; 231 cs medicines; 80 dms sodium potassium uganida; 40 dms potassium cyanide; 100 carboys phosphoric acid; 78 cyl anbydrous ammonia; 310 bags moulding powder; 50 cs packing O.S.; 50 pcs empty cylinders; 100 kegs tamric acid; 290 kegs hydrosulphite of soda; 44 cases empty glass bottles; 39 cs loom sundries; 35 cs wireless receivers.

According to the Chungking radio, in 1941 Chinese produced 89,700,000 piculs of rice more than the total of the year before, according to the second report of the foodstuff production issued by the Ministry of Agriculture.

A plan for total conscription is suggested by a Technocracy, an incorporated national organization of undisclosed membership with headquarters in New York.—Reuter.

Latest Commercial

JULY

New York, March 23.

Previous closing	18.70
To-day's opening	18.68
Difference	—.2
To-day's closing	not received

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, March 23.

Following are the New York opening ranges:—
May 18.59/59
July 18.69/68
October 18.78/78

LONDON COMMODITIES.

LONDON, March 23.

SEEDS

Castorseeds March/April (£20 5/8 sellers) £20 5/8 sellers
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta March/April (£20 nominal) £20 nominal
Linseed La Plata March/April unquoted
Groundnut Coromandal Coast March/April (East Coast India shipment not quoted; £20 West Coast India shipment) £20 West Coast shipment.

LONDON METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES.

T.T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, March 23.

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	4.03 3/4

T.T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

LONDON, March 23.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers

LONDON BULLION.

LONDON, March 23.

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER

LONDON, March 23.

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d nil
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d nil

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, March 23.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—
General Motors (dol 34 3/4) dol 34 3/4
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 26 5/8) unquoted
United States Steel Common (dol 51) dol 50 7/8
United States Steel Preference (unquoted dol 112 1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, March 23.

The Stock Exchange remained quiet today.

3% PER CENT STERLING LOAN

LONDON, March 23.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 1/16

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

London, March 20

5 per cent 1958/68 £101

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £83
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 1/4
2 per cent Consolidation Loan £99 7/8
4 per cent Funding Loan £116
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £105 13/16
3 per cent War Loan £100 1/4
4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 1/4

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 15-6
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 33-10 1/2
Electric Music Industry 13-6
Princhin Johnson 21-0
Imperial Chemical 32-3
Woolsworth New Ordinary 48-10 1/2
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £79 1/2
Dundee 25-3
Unilever Ordinary 25-9
Ford Motors 24-3
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £50
British American Tobacco Ordinary £3 21/32
Carreas 'A' £5 1/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 5/32
P and O Defd 27-3
Distillers 72-9
Bredfords Dyes 7-10 1/2
British Celanese 6-9
J and P Coates 34-4 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary 31-9
Fine Cotton Spinners 6-9
Vickers Limited Ordinary 15-7 1/2 Ex Div.
Inter Nickel dol 40 1/2
Indian Iron 31-10 1/2

TEA SHARES

Assam 11-3
Donaro Tea 21-0
Empire of India 11-3

JUTE

Barnagore £5 nominal

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber 7-6
Gula Kelampong 8-1 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv. Trust 10-6

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 16-3
Burma Corporation 3-4 1/2
Rio Tintos £8
East Rand Properties £1 7/8
Rand Mines £6 1/4

MINE SHARES

Crown £8 3/4
Associated Portland Cement 42-6
Trinidad Leasehold 67-6
Sub-Nigel £5 7/8
Spring Mines Split Shares £1
Union Corporation 125-0

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 35-0
Anglo-India 37-6
Burma Oil £1 17/32
Mexican Eagle 12-4 1/2
Shell Transport £1 15/16
Royal Dutch £12 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £41 3/4
London Midland Ordinary £18
London North Eastern Defd £1 3/4
London Southern Defd £15
London Transport 5 per cent £130 1/2
London Transport £39

RADIO STATION DIRECTORS' CONFERENCE

NEW DELHI, March 23.

The 14th Conference of the Station Directors of All-India Radio will begin in Delhi on Wednesday, March 25, under the Presidentship of Mr. A. S. Bokhari, Controller of Broadcasting in India.—A.P.

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IN exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2a) of rule 66 of the Defence of India Rules, the Central Government is pleased to require every person owning or having the management of any power propelled vessel less than 100 feet in length to furnish to the Flag Officer Commanding, Royal Indian Navy, Naval Headquarters, New Delhi, on or before the 1st day of April 1942, a statement showing in respect of each such vessel the following particulars:—

PARTICULARS REQUIRED

NAME OF VESSEL ● NAME OF OWNER ● ADDRESS OF OWNER ● TYPE OF VESSEL (Motor boat, Steam, Diesel launch etc.,). LENGTH ● BEAM ● DRAFT ● FREE BOARD ● WEIGHT (for lifting purposes) ● PARTICULARS OF ENGINE (including No. of Engines, H. P., Make, Type). IF DECKED IN OR NOT ● PARTICULARS OF CREW. TYPE OF FUEL ● FULL CAPACITY ● FUEL CONSUMPTION PER HOUR ● FRESH WATER CAPACITY—Drinking Boiler ● SPEED ● PASSENGER CAPACITY ● IS VESSEL SUITABLE FOR OPEN SEA IN FINE WEATHER? PARTICULARS OF ANY NAVIGATIONAL GEAR FITTED (Sidelights, Compasses etc) ● IS W/T FITTED? (if so, state type) ● IS ELECTRIC LIGHT FITTED? ● DETAILS OF ELECTRIC SUPPLY (whether dynamo or battery Output of (K.W.) dynamo Voltage) ● PARTICULARS OF COOKING FACILITIES ● PARTICULARS OF ANY BOATS CARRIED. TYPE AND WEIGHT OF ANCHORS ● SIZE AND LENGTH OF CABLE ● SERVICE ON WHICH AT PRESENT ENGAGED.

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During the Great War of 1914-1918 the regiment played a notable part, specially in Mesopotamia. During the present war this regiment has a number of feats to its credit, and one of its battalions displayed truly amazing valour in the capture and defence of Mezze which played an important part in the fall of Damascus. Incidentally, this particular battalion at the time of writing has won more decorations than any other, including one D.S.O., one O.B.E., one M.B.E., six I.O.Ms., twenty-two I.D.S.Ms., and eight Military Crosses.

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SUEZ CANAL
EGYPT 1915
ADEN
SHAIBA
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B. P. C. C. Supports Demand For Reprieve For Gopalan

Programme For National Week Chalked Out: Decision To Contest Seat In Municipal By-Election

Preparations are afoot to observe the National Week from April 6 to 13 in a fitting manner this year. In addition to the usual programme conducted by the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, as in other years, the People's Volunteer Brigade is joining in the celebrations with its own special programme.

The B. P. C. C.'s programme includes two flag salutations, spinning demonstrations and a public meeting on the opening day, daily public meetings in different wards of the city, a 'priti bhojan', a procession and a public meeting on Sunday April 12, and another public meeting and other items on the last day, April 13.

At the instance of Mr. S. K. Patil, General Secretary, the B. P. C. C. at a meeting held on Monday approved the programme and also sanctioned a sum of Rs. 250, towards the expenses thereof. Mr. Nagindas T. Master presided.

MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION

As a by-election is due to be held to fill a vacancy in the Municipal Corporation from the Bhuleshwar (Ward No. 6) constituency, caused by the long and continued absence of Mr. Umadatta Nemani, the B. P. C. C. resolved contest the seat and to invite applications from intending candidates so as to reach the B. P. C. C. office before Monday, April 6.

The Committee also authorised its President to scrutinise the applications and make his recommendation before April. 10.

The Committee sanctioned a contribution of Rs. 250 to the Bombay Adult Education Committee and requested other persons and bodies to contribute liberally.

REPRIEVE FOR GOPALAN

The Committee adopted a resolution fully supporting the views of Mahatma Gandhi on the commutation of death sentence passed on Shri Gopalan by the High Court of Madras and hoping that the Government would respond to the public feeling expressed throughout the country.

(It may be recalled that Mahatma Gandhi writing in the "Harijan" of March 13 on this question stated: "This is no case of private murder deliberately committed. We are living in the midst of murders on a wholesale scale which no court of law can ever reach. It is a mockery to send an young man to the gallows for an act, however indefensible otherwise, in which malice is wholly absent.")

P. V. B. CONTROL BOARD

Mr. S. K. Patil stated that a suggestion had been made that with a view to better co-ordination of work and to maintain better liaison with the various committees set up by the P. V. B. and the Board of Control of that organisation, the Chairmen of the Committees should be included as members of the Board of Control. The B. P. C. C. authorised an amendment to the constitution of the P. V. B. so as to include Mr. M. Y. Nurie and the Chairmen of the various Committees to be members of the Board of Control.

CALCUTTA.—The Bengal Provincial Students' Convention will be held at Khulna on April 4 and 5. Swami Sahajananda Saraswati will open the proceedings. Mr. Mahmud Ali (of the Punjab), member of the All-India Congress Committee, will preside.

KEROSENE NOT TO BE USED AS MOTOR FUEL

NEW DELHI, March 23.

In a Press Note issued early in January last, the Government of India issued a warning on the use of kerosene as motor fuel pointing out that such use would be contrary to the provisions of the motor spirit rationing order and the excise regulations. There is evidence however that kerosene is being used on an increasing scale as motor fuel.—A. P.

Changing Of Trust Does Not Justify Removal Of Trustees

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Somjee)

The first Appellant Shivnarayan Sarupchand had contributed about Rs. 5 lakhs towards the establishment of a free hospital at Bagar in Jaipur State. The trust funds were named, "Shivnarayan Joharmal Bagar Hospital Trust Fund" under the Declaration of Trust, and the hospital was called the "Shivnarayan Joharmal Bagar Hospital."

The Appellants, who were the trustees, thereafter substituted the word "Chiranjilal" in place of the word "Joharmal" in both these titles. The trial judge, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chagla, removed the trustees, holding that the change of titles contrary to the Declaration of trust constituted a serious breach of trust on the part of the trustees. Against their removal, the Trustees filed the present appeal.

Their Lordships held that this being a foreign charity functioning in Jaipur State the Bombay High Court had no jurisdiction to try this suit, but their Lordships were in any event, further of the opinion that by the law of British India though the Trustees were not justified in changing the titles of the trust funds and of the trust hospital without the Court's permission, still it was not such a serious breach of trust as to call for their removal.

Their Lordships therefore allowed the appeal with costs.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga with Mr. F. J. Coltman instructed by Messrs. Ardeshir Hormusjee Dinshaw and Co. appeared for the Appellants.

Mr. M. V. Desai with Mr. G. N. Joshi instructed by Messrs. Haridas and Co., appeared for the Respondents.

Bombay Symphony Orchestral Society's Concert

Madame Olga Craen played fairly well as the Soloist in Tschaikowsky's concerts at Monday evening's concert at the Regal—under the baton of Mons. Craen, the orchestra exhibited perfect restraint playing in complete unison with the piano.

The delicate tone and sentiment of Elgar's "Elegy" for strings was exquisitely rendered; the lack of depth in his Serenade left but a fleeting impression, though that was no fault of the orchestra. To balance the light delicacy of the second half of the programme Berlioz's very vigorous "Hungarian March" brought the programme to an apt conclusion. Apart from the concerts the evening's programme seemed to lack in body—on the lighter side with a vengeance.

'Save Gopalan Campaign'

(From Our Correspondent.)

KHAR, March 23.

Under the auspices of Khar Taluka Congress Committee a public meeting was held on Sunday evening at Lakshmi Nagar Hall, when Syt. D. N. Wandrekar presided.

After a brief reference to the facts of Syt. Gopalan's Case; a resolution was moved from the chair, condemning the capital sentence on Syt. Gopalan and asking for clemency from the Governor of Madras.

The clemency petition was signed by all those present at the meeting. Mrs. Jhabvala was then authorized on behalf of the Committee, to collect necessary funds for bringing Syt. Gopalan's case before the Privy Council.

The meeting was also addressed by Syt. Shantilal Shah, Mr. Menon and others.

VILE PARLE ORGANISES

Volunteers' Vigilance At Night Helps In Catching A Thief

(From Our Correspondent.)

VILE PARLE, March 23.

The imminent danger of internal disorder has set in motion, the Nagar Saurankshan Association in Vile Parle, and I am given to understand by its Publicity Committee that the arrangement both on the East and West sides are now near completion.

The utility of such on organization and the fine work they are rendering is fully appreciated by the public. On Sunday night it is reported that a thief effected an entrance into a grocer's shop at Parleshvar Road through the roof of the building. An old man sleeping there was awakened by the thud of the falling thief and he cried out for help. The gong was set ringing and whistles were blowing on both the sides—East and West of Parle; whereupon the volunteers rushed to the danger spot. The thief ran to escape by bye-lanes, but was sandwitched between two patrolling parties. The police also came to rescue in time and after a careful search apprehended the thief. He was handed over to the Police and was taken to the Santa Cruz Police Station. This arrest was effected through the watchful vigilance of the patrol parties; which is much appreciated by the public of Vile Parle.

Travancore Labour Leaders Released

TRIVANDRUM, March 23.

All persons who have been either convicted or detained under the Defence of Travancore Act have been released. In view of the request made and the assurances given by the President of the Travancore Coir Factory Workers' Union, Alleppey 24 labour prisoners, who were undergoing imprisonment for various terms have been released this morning. the Government of His Highness the Maharaja having remitted the remaining portion of their sentences.

Five other persons who had been convicted under the Defence of Travancore Act, who were undergoing various terms of imprisonment have also been similarly released. Two detenus who had been detained under the Defence of Travancore Act were also released this morning.—A. P.

Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, President, Indian Medical Council and newly appointed Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University.

DROP IN EXODUS FROM CITY

BOMBAY, March 23.

As there is a slackening of in the exodus from Bombay by the B. B. and C. I. Railway route the running of additional trains has been discontinued.

The total bookings from Bombay during the past few days have been as follows:—18th 3,766; 19th 4,354; 20th 3,513; 21st 3,680; 22nd 3,089.

There is accommodation on the train service for 4,300 passengers daily. If traffic again increases extra trains will be run.

Assembly Votes Demands

League Opposition To New Departments

NED DELHI, March 23.

The Legislative Assembly voted to-day demands for supplementary grants amounting approximately to three crores of rupees. The Muslim League Party voted against demands meant for new departments created under the scheme of expansion of Viceroy's Executive Council.

The Assembly adjourned till to-morrow.

MUSLIMS IN SERVICES

At question time Sir Reginald Maxwell informed Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan that out of 8 substantive posts of Station Director, two were held by Muslims, out of 7 Assistant Station Directors one was a Muslim out of 10 Station Engineers one was a Muslim, out of 41 Assistant Engineers six were Muslims, out of 92 technical assistants two were Muslims and there was not a Muslim among seven installation and research engineers.

Replying to the same member the Home Member said Muslims held 18.9 per cent of gazetted posts in the All-India radio. He answered in the negative a further question asking whether it was a fact that Government had refused to grant reservation of posts for Muslim candidates for the gazetted posts, except in the case of a few post which had been specifically exempted from the application of orders regarding communal representation. Sir Reginald added that Government were making every possible effort to facilitate the recruitment of Muslim candidates to technical posts, but duly qualified candidates had not been available in sufficient numbers.

ROWDYISM BY SOLDIERS

After question time Sir Gurunath Bewoor, Defence Secretary, informed the President that he had received report of the two incidents in which Indian soldiers were alleged to have committed acts of rowdyism at Bareilly which formed the subject matter of an adjournment motion by Mr. Kazmi. He stated that no one was seriously injured and local police thought that the incidents were trivial. He added that the authorities had taken prompt action in the matter disciplinary action having been taken against some men, while others were being tried by the military court.

Mr. Kazmi told the President that he did not want to pursue the matter as he felt Government was taking necessary action.—A.P.

VICEROY'S TRIBUTE TO RED CROSS WORK

Medical Aid To China And Russia

NEW DELHI, MARCH 23.

His Excellency, the Viceroy, addressing the annual general meeting of the St. John Ambulance Association and the Indian Red Cross Society on Monday, said:—

I hope that the reduction in the number of A. R. P. certificates may have been due to the thoroughness with which members have been trained in previous years, and not to indifference. From the skill and discipline which an A. R. P. training imparts comes that self confidence, which breeds steadiness in the face of danger in the trained man himself, and infects with courage all those around him. I count it, therefore, of the greatest importance that you should redouble your efforts to enrol more, and yet more, new members in your A. R. P. organisations.

HELP TO ALLIES

It was a fine spirit too, and in the best tradition of the fellowship of St. John, which inspired the medical unit which recently volunteered to go from Madras to the relief of air-raid victims in Rangoon.

It is all the more to the credit of the Indian Red Cross Society that it has not been prevented from going steadily forward with its peace-time activities, including maternity and child welfare work. Among its many other activities it is worthy of note that the Society was able to send 10,000 doses of plague vaccine to China, and medical stores of various kinds to Russia. These are striking examples of the manner in which the Society has been able to help our Allies, and we may be sure that this is only a beginning.

Whatever this year may have in store for us,—and the test will not be a light one—I feel that we have established organisations which, inspired by unselfishness, imagination and generosity, which are the three springs from which all humanitarian enterprise flows, will answer speedily and effectively every call that may be made upon them. I am confident that the Red Cross and the St. John Ambulance Association in India will be true to their fine and ancient traditions and will not be found wanting in the critical times which lie ahead of us.—A.P.

Quake Shock Recorded

CALCUTTA, March 23.

An earthquake shock of moderate intensity, at its origin about 1,460 miles away, was recorded by the Alipore Seismographs as 7 hours 43 minutes I.S.T on Sunday, March 22.—A. P.

Detenus In Bengal Jails

Judicial Tribunal To Be Set Up To Examine Their Cases

CALCUTTA, Mar. 23.

Government decision to appoint a tribunal to examine the case of security prisoners was announced by the Honble Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, Chief Minister, in the Bengal Legislative Assembly this afternoon.

The Chief Minister declared: "We feel that it should be our policy and we take it to be our policy to see that persons who have been detained without trial or otherwise suffering under restriction of liberty should be set at liberty."

"But if in any particular case or classes of cases the Ministry, after scrutiny of records and personal examination of the persons concerned are satisfied that imposition of restrictions on their liberty is justified and warranted, reasonable restrictive measures would be resorted to in such cases."

Mr. Huq added that it was Government's intention to secure for the proposed tribunal, services of judges of the High Court or of persons who had held high judicial offices and in whose justice, integrity and ability to appraise evidence the public could have unstinted confidence. The personnel of the tribunal was expected to be announced in about a week's time.

The above statement was made by the Premier in reply to a debate on a non-official resolution, moved by Mr. Satyapriya Banerjee of the Ministerialist Party, urging the immediate and unconditional release of persons convicted or detained by the Government of Bengal under the Defence of India Act and rules framed thereunder.

In view of the sympathetic statement made by the Premier the resolution was withdrawn with the leave of the House.—A. P.

NEED OF ARMY FIRST

Bengal Order On District Boards

BERHAMPORE, Mar. 23.

An order has, it is learnt, been issued by the Government of Bengal to the various District Boards in the Presidency Division, through the Commissioner of the Division, asking them to place the services of their district engineers and subordinate staff, together with all equipment and materials, at the disposal of military authorities when they require them.

The District Boards have further been directed to suspend, if necessary, the operation of the schemes which are now in operation under their auspices in order to meet the demand of military authorities for labour and other things necessary for their purpose.—A. P.

RESTITUTION OF MORTGAGED LANDS

Punjab Act Challenged In Federal Court

NEW DELHI, March 23.

The validity of the Punjab Restitution of Mortgaged Lands Act, 1938, was called into question in two appeals from the decision of the Lahore High Court, which came up for hearing in the Federal Court to-day. The Lahore High Court had held that the Act was 'intra vires" of the Punjab Legislature. The Act applies to all existing mortgages effected prior to June 8, 1901, and provides for restitution of such lands.

Sir Brojendra Mitter, Advocate-General of India, appeared for the appellants.

Sir Brojendra will continue his arguments to-morrow.

Earlier the Federal Court heard an application filed by the Frontier Government for leave to appeal to the Privy Council against the decision of the Federal Court holding that Mr. Suraj Narain, ex-Sub-Inspector of Police, Frontier Province who had been dismissed from service on the order passed by the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, had a case actionable in a Court of Law. Their Lordships will pronounce orders to-morrow.—A. P.

LONDON, March 23.

One of Britain's best amateur golfers of a decade ago, Reg Hartley, who had played more than a score of International matches, including two Walker Cup classes against America, has died aged 36.—Reuter.

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